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JOB PRINTING: The Job department of the Press is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work.

A Chicago court is having trouble to find a receiver for a Klondike railroad.

There is a man in Illinois who has started 153 newspapers and is still in pursuit of a long-felt want.

American furniture was exported last year to the extent of \$3,700,000, and the amount imported was almost nominal.

Mrs. Mary Sawyer Peters, of Henderson, N. H., celebrated her one hundredth birthday by taking a sleigh ride with the thermometer standing at 20 below zero.

For 20 years Missouri has been represented in the national senate by the same two men, Senators Cockrell and Vest, the former having been first elected in 1875 and the latter in 1879.

The voters of Minnesota at the recent election approved a good roads amendment to the constitution by 70,043 to 38,017.

The soldier boys in Manila say that the Spaniards and natives there invariably turn to the left instead of to the right in passing others on the sidewalks.

It took Tom Sharkey almost an hour to thrash Kid McCoy in New York the other day, and he only received \$15,000 for turning the trick.

Miss Mary Gregg, of St. Louis, being desirous of marrying Joseph H. Dillon, and being heir to a considerable fortune.

The British colonial system is evidently misunderstood by many who refer to it as opposed to the ideas of home rule.

There died the other day at New York an inventor named Bissel, who supplied several ideas from which others have acquired wealth.

There is a remarkable condition of affairs in New Jersey. Without any direct state tax there is a surplus of over \$1,000,000 in the state treasury.

A cablegram from Dublin says that John Daly, the famous Irish political prisoner, who was released from Portland prison in 1896.

Another tradition has been swept away. In a train accident it has been supposed for years that "on seeing danger the engineer whistled 'down brakes,' reversed the lever and jumped off."

REPUBLICAN GAINS.

Strength Nearly Doubled in the Mining States Within the Last Two Years.

The mining group of states is usually made to include Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Montana and Idaho. Colorado, Nevada and Utah are silver states.

These five states, under such conditions, did not furnish a very encouraging outlook for the republican party at succeeding elections, the first defection of populists from the republicans having been followed by a subsequent and larger defection of republicans to the silver republican party.

Table showing population and silver production for Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana, and Nevada in 1896 and 1898.

A gain from 58,000 to 112,000 is very nearly, though not quite, 100 per cent. in two years.

Mr. Bryan asserts that "leaders die, but principles do not." True. Many of the leaders of the republican party have passed over, but the grand old organization still lives.

A free trade paper argues that the vast growth in our foreign commerce is not healthful. It is a malady, at all events, that all the other countries are trying to catch.

Mr. Bryan is making a suspicious number of speeches protesting that the silver issue is not dead. He never thought it necessary to make one such speech in 1896.

SILVER A LOCAL ISSUE.

Richard Croker Comes Out in Another Declaration Against Sixteen to One.

In a recent interview in a Tammany paper Richard Croker says: "The sixteen to one question is a dead issue. This was proven conclusively by the expression of the will of the people in 1896 when they elected Mr. McKinley president of the United States."

"Now, the democrats of the west and other sections of the country are trying to foist this dead issue upon the democratic party, and to make the old dead cry of 'sixteen to one' the democratic slogan in 1900."

"Why should we carry a dead weight in that campaign? The times of four years ago are past. To-day the times are different and the issues are not the same."

"Speaking for this section of the country, I say that if the sixteen to one question is again brought before the people there will be felt again throughout the nation the same distrust that prevailed in 1896. During the fall of that year, while the campaign was in progress, every man with a dollar of surplus, whether he was a millionaire or workman, hoarded his savings; in fact, locked them up so securely that there was actually no money in circulation."

"As a natural circumstance, the times then became well-nigh desperate. Look back at the winter of 1896, and see what the mere rumor of silver coinage at the ratio of sixteen to one did to this country. You could not get money in the banks. You could not raise money on any kind of security, and the result was the very hardest kind of hard times."

"From the south and west there always comes the hue and cry against New York, because it is the money center of the United States. But whenever there is any great public improvement to be made in any section of this country, the first look for help is toward New York. They rush to our great city to raise the money. They come here for the means to build their railroads, to construct their waterworks, to erect plants for gas service, and bond their cities for any kind of improvement. Then, no matter how much benefit is derived from this section of the country, there is always the same howl against the great city, because it is the money center—that very center without which public improvement would be an impossibility."

"If this silver question comes again before the people, and is made a factor in the national platform, the moneyed men of the east will look for investment outside of this country, and the banks in other states in the union will be unable to borrow money in the east. The result will be that the poor will be the greatest sufferers."

"The free silver issue is merely a local issue. In the sections where free silver will benefit the residents it is but natural for them to declare for sixteen to one. However, in my opinion, the money question should be settled by congress. But here in New York we must see to it that the position of our party on the money question must meet the requirements not of any one section, but of every section of the United States."

"When in convention assembled the majority of the delegates demand a certain standard or a certain reform, New York will, as it ever has, fall faithfully in line, without a moment of opposition or a murmur of protest. But the democratic platform of 1900 has not yet been written."

SENATOR GRAY ON M'KINLEY. A Handsome Tribute to the President from a Democratic Statesman.

Some democrats have sneered at and reviled the president. They have not been as bitter and malignant, however, as the mugwumps. They declare of McKinley that "there is no good in him." Some of them call him "feeble," a "plant instrument" in the hands of bolder men.

"I belong to a different political party, but I should be false to my sense of justice and to that pride which I feel as an American if I did not declare my confidence in the patriotism and purity of purpose of William McKinley. He is no usurper of power, no stranger to American institutions, but one of the American people, called to his high office by their suffrages, and it would be strange indeed if he did not share to the fullest extent in the love of our constitution and the principles that underlie it."

This is handsomely said. It is true. When the dust and smoke of the present conflict over the Philippines have cleared away and that question has ceased to be "in politics" nearly all men will admit cheerfully the caution, wisdom and prudence displayed by the president in dealing with the issues arising out of the war with Spain.

LIFTED THE VEIL.

New Facts About the Treaty of Peace Become Known.

Plan to Acquire All of the Philippines as the Result of Occurrences in Paris After the Diplomats Arrived There.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The president has sent to the senate the correspondence on file in the state department bearing upon the peace treaty and it was read in Monday's executive session.

The decision to take the entire group of islands was made by the commissioners to the president as the result of occurrences at Paris after the arrival there of the commissioners.

Much stress was laid by the commissioners upon the probability of future trouble with Spain. With Luzon under American administration there would soon be such a vast improvement, they wrote, that the other islands would soon grow more and more rebellious and with Spain's oppressive methods of government we would soon again find that we had another Cuba at another door.

The Spaniards from the first insisted upon an indemnity for the Philippines, and the correspondence shows that after the proposition to pay \$20,000,000 was made the negotiations proceeded much more smoothly and were soon brought to a close.

AGAINST BOUNTIES. A Minority Report to Congress Condemns the Bill Providing for Payment of Bounties to Ship Owners.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The minority report on the Hanna-Payne shipping bill was filed in the house Tuesday. It is a severe and somewhat personal arraignment of the measure and those who would receive bounties under it.

THE DEADLOCK IS BROKEN. Joseph V. Quarles Will be Elected to the United States Senate from Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 31.—The senatorial deadlock was broken last night. Joseph V. Quarles, of Milwaukee, was nominated in the republican caucus to succeed John L. Mitchell, whose term expires on March 4.

Joseph V. Quarles is a native of Wisconsin, having been born in Kenosha 55 years ago. In 1862 he entered the University of Michigan, but left his studies during the rebellion and enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Wisconsin Infantry, being made first lieutenant of Company C.

A New Railway Enterprise. Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—The shortest rail route from the great lakes to the seaboard is the latest project which Pittsburg capital is now furthering.

Reward of \$20,000 Offered.

A wealthy lady recently lost a satchel containing jewels worth \$150,000, and now offers a reward of \$20,000 cash to the finder.

A Reason. She—I don't see why they can't let the women vote? He—Because, my dear, they are trying to keep it a secret ballot.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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The little dog always tries to bark as big as he can.—L. A. W. Bulletin.



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